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COMMUNICATION REGARDING PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Applicants reviewed the USPTO calculation of the patent term adjustment for the above-referenced patent and believe that the patent term adjustment of 100 days as it relates to A delay, calculated by the USPTO may be longer than appropriate.

The IDS filed on 3/20/2006 was filed 20 days after the filing of a Response after non-final office action on 2/28/2006. It is applicant's belief that the patent term should be reduced by 20 days to account for this delay and, thus, that the correct patent term adjustment as it relates to A delay for the above-referenced patent is 80 days.

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